

Notice of Intent

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State of Nevada

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection gives notice that an application for a **Reclamation Permit** for a mining operation called the Slaven Canyon Barite Mining Project has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The applicant for Permit # 0207 is:

**Nevada Drilling Fluids Inc.
12280 Westridge Drive
Reno, Nevada 89511**

This project, will be located within Lander County, and is in portion(s) of Sections 2, 13 and 14 of Township 30 N, Range 46 E, M.D.B. & M, approximately 17 miles SE from the community of Battle Mountain, Nevada. The project operation is 90.2 acres of both public and private acres to be mined by open pit methods for Barite with no processing facilities within the described land position noted above. Concurrent reclamation of previously disturbed historic land will be performed.

The Administrator is constrained to issue the reclamation permit or to deny the application. The Administrator has made the tentative decision to issue the reclamation permit.

Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed permit, to recommend terms and conditions for, or who request a public hearing pursuant to the Nevada Administrative Code, NAC Chapter 519A, must submit their comments, objections, or requests in writing no later than By 5:00 PM on **February 22nd, 2002**.

Nevada Division of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation
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All comments or objections received during the public notice period, will be considered in the final determination regarding this application. If the Division determines written comments or requests indicate a significant degree of public interest in this matter, the Administrator shall schedule a public hearing in accordance with the requirements of NAC 519A.200.

The permit application and all application documents are on file at the Division and are available for public inspection and copying pursuant to NRS Chapter 239.010. For more information contact Todd Process at (775) 687-4670, ext. 3135 or toll free in Nevada (800) 992-0900, ext. 4670, or visit the Bureau's website at <http://ndep.state.nv.us/bmrr/bmrr01.htm>.